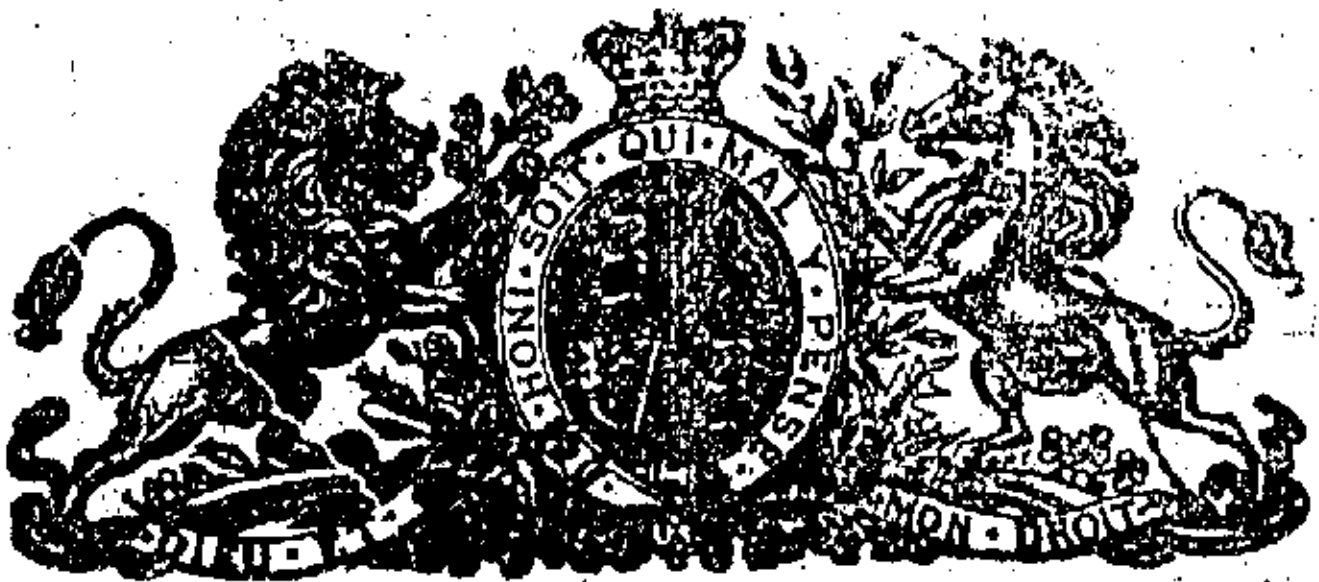


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NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT, p. Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOULBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, Grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.
Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £160,000.

BANKERS.
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. F. O. DITTMER has CEASED to Sign our Firm per Procuration. SANDER & Co.
Hongkong, August 30, 1879. se7

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr. ERNEST VAUGHAN WETTON will CONDUCT my Business, for which purpose he holds authority to Sign my name.
R. G. ALFORD, Surveyor, &c.
16, Queen's Road Central, 1st August, 1879. se18

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as
AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER
AND
COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.
G. R. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EX American Bark "ANTIOCH" (JUST ARRIVED).
1, 2, 3 and 4 inch OREGON FINE LUMBER. S. P. A. R. S.
7 to 18 inches (in Slings) 40 to 80 ft. long.
19 to 24 " (at Partners) 80 to 96 ft. "

L. MALLORY, Hongkong Timber Yard, (Wanchai).
Hongkong, August 8, 1879. se8

FOR SALE.

VEUVE CLUQUOT PONSARDIN, Dry CHAMPAGNE (England) in Cases of.....1 doz. Quarts.
" of.....2 " Pints.
Apply to
SANDER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 13, 1879. se13

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION. DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX: Quarts.....\$17 per Case of 1 doz. Pints.....\$18 " of 2 doz.
MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21f80

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

For Sale.

NEW GOODS

EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

THE New Shapes in HATS. ACME FILES, and AMBERG'S INDEXION FILES, the latest improvements for Office use.

EXTRA FINEST ISIGNY BUTTER, New Season's Packing, L. C. & Co.'s OWN BRAND.

LAWN TENNIS. REP NOTE PAPER and ENVELOPES. ARTISTS' COLOURS and COLOUR BOXES.

LETTER SCALES. WALKING STICKS, well selected. NURSERY KETTLES and STANDS, New—Portable.

MACKIE'S EXCHANGE TABLES. SPARKLING SAUMUR, a really Good Dry Champagne at a Moderate Price, Quarts \$10 and \$11, Pints \$11.50 and \$12.50 per case.

RUINART PERE & FILS' CHAMPAGNE, \$10 per case. SPARKLING BURGUNDY, RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FOR INVALIDS.

SACCONI'S SHERRIES. BORDEAUX CLARETS from \$4 per dozen. RACQUET and TENNIS SHOES. WIRE MATTRESSES. UMBRELLAS.

THE MULTIPLE COPIER, a new and most valuable Invention. CUMSHAW MIXTURE TEA (a five catty Box delivered at any address in the United Kingdom for \$3).

MORLEY'S HOSIERY. PARISIAN SHIRTS. CALDECOTT'S CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS. NEW NOVELS. WORKS OF REFERENCE. GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO. &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1879. se6

For Sale.

F. KLAMPERMEYER,

186, QUEEN'S ROAD,

BEGS to inform the Public that he has commenced BUSINESS, as a CAFE and RESTAURANT Keeper, and will endeavour to the best of his ability to give satisfaction to those who kindly give him their Patronage.

GERMAN SAUSAGES of all kinds can be made to Order at the shortest notice, and of the Best Quality. JOE CREAM at all times in readiness, and can be supplied to Parties, &c.

F. KLAMPERMEYER,

Proprietor.
Hongkong, August 4, 1879. se4

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at moderate Prices, an Invoice of PRESERVED MEATS from the SYDNEY PRESERVED MEAT COMPANY, comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouilli in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seasoned Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turtle Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep's-head, Compressed Meats, Brawn and Ox-tongues, etc., in 2-lb. Tins.

Also,
A Small Invoice of Superior Red and White AUSTRALIAN GROWN WINES, viz: MURRAY VALLEY and WYNDHAM WINES, comprising: Tokay, Verdelho, Muscat, Claret, Madeira, Sheras, Reims Burgundy, Hermitage, Pineau in Quarts and Pints.

Also,
CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior Breakfast Claret at \$5 per Case. A few Cases of LAFFITE.
G. R. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1878, and TO THE 30th JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions from the 1st January, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, in order that the Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st OCTOBER NEXT will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.
Hongkong, August 2, 1879. nol

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the Sale of their LEAD by the MOSHOREN MINE SOCIETY.
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, June 27, 1879. se27

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.
Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

LESSEES of LOTS on the British Settlement of SHAMEN, Canton, are hereby requested to pay the Amounts due on their Several Lots as ANNUAL GROUND RENT into H. M. Consulate on or before the 4th September, 1879.

All Lots on which Ground Rent has not been paid on the 4th September next will be liable to be re-entrated upon by H. M.'s Government.

H. F. HANCE,

H. M. Consul.
H. M. Consulate, Canton, August 14, 1879. se5

NOTICE.

KEROSENE OIL Landed and Stored in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS constructed expressly for the purpose.
For Terms, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, August 26, 1879. se26

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, CLUB CHAMBERS, on WEDNESDAY, 3rd September, 1879, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1879.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from August 20th to September 3rd, both days included.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, August 16, 1879. se3

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned begs to inform his Customers and the Public that he has REMOVED to No. 95, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Same Address as before the fire.
TUNG CHEONG, Tailor.
Hongkong, August 20, 1879. se20

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

G. FALCONER & Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
48, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, August 20, 1879. se20

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Capt. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd Prox., at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, August 30, 1879. se3

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)
The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BOWEN," Captain MILLER, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th September, at 2 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, August 30, 1879. se6

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "OXFORDSHIRE," shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch for the above Ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, August 27, 1879.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

The Steamship "OCEANIC," Captain J. METCALFE, will be despatched hence for LONDON via SUEZ CANAL on or about October 20th, 1879.
FIRST-CLASS FARE to LONDON, \$300.
For Freight or Passage, apply to the AGENT of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
H. M. BLANCHARD, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, August 22, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "VOLGA," Commandant GUINARD, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, August 26, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TRAUADY," Commandant — will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, August 28, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "JAS. A. BORDLAND," Kent, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, August 21, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "ADELAIDE NORRIS," W. A. Woodward, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, August 20, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Bark "ANTIOCH," A. WEEKS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, August 20, 1879.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "F. P. LITCHFIELD," Captain SEALDING, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The S 3 L.T.I. Russian Bark "KALAJA," J. Ross, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, July 26, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 British Bark "EDWARD BARROW," Rrou, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, July 21, 1879.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The A 1 British Bark "ORANGE GROVE," Capt. LONGMOIR, shortly due, will load here, for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "VIGILANT," Captain ROSS, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, July 16, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The S 3 L.T.I. American Ship "MONTE ROSA," C. O. CABREZ, Master.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, July 3, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 2nd Sept., at Noon, at his Auction Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf,—

An Invoice of Decorated Table and Hand LAMPS for Kerosine Oil, Handsome Toilet Sets in white and gold and assorted patterns, Cheese Stands, Dinner Sets, Cups and Saucers, Glassware, etc., etc.

1 case Union Flannel.
150 boxes Fancy Toilet Soap.
7 cases Zinc Sheathing.
3 cases French Door Locks.
400 gross Iron Wood-screws, assorted sizes.

Brass Wire, assorted sizes, Grindstones, Tar, Turpentine.

An Invoice of Electro-plated CRUET STANDS, 4 and 6 bottles.
35 cases Old Cognac Brandy.
50 cases Boord's Old Tom.
30 cases Kinahan's LL Whisky.
25 cases Champagne, Marmadoc, Epernay.

35 cases Norwegian Beer, quarts and pints.
1 case All-wool Trowersings.
Sail Needles, Trucks Packing, Leather Belting, Indian Rubber Piping, etc., etc.
100 boxes Candles.
Morton's and Crosse & Blackwell's STORES.

1 case India Rubber Balls, assorted sizes.
Razors, Penknives, White Stockings, Glycerine Soap, etc.
50 coils Best Hoth's Russian Rope and Lines.

Also,
5 Cases NEEDLES.
30 Cases STEEL.
(All more or less sea damaged.)

And,
SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Iron Bedsteads, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, August 30, 1879. se2

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the Year ending December 31st 1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from January 1st to June 30th 1879, in Order that the Distribution of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a **DIVIDEND** to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, are Open Daily for the use of MEMBERS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special Days—TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 12 to 12.30 and 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

E. GEORGE, Secretary.

Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze.

AME (in diamond) Nos. 16/17, Or., 2 cases T. J. ... Flannel, from L'don.

Ex Peiho.

Messrs. Wyling & Co., 1 case Samples, from London.

S. ... 1 parcel Samples, from M (in diamond) Shanghai.

Messrs. Tata & Co., 1 parcel Tea Musters, from Shanghai.

Ex Sindh.

E (in diamond) Nos. 148, 48 cases Sheet Amoy. ... Lead, Or., from L'don.

H.W. No. 11,086, 2 cases Hard Ware, Messrs. Landstein & Co., from Marseilles.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, August 29, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

AGNES MUIR, British ship, Capt. James Lowe.—Meyer & Co.

MURRAY, British 3-m. schooner, Capt. J. Miller.—Turner & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship "GLENCOE" Captain GUTLAND, shortly expected from SINGAPORE, will be despatched as above on or about 5th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879.

For AMOY.

The Steamship "DIAMANTE," Capt. THELAND, shortly due, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879.

For YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

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Hongkong, September 1, 1879.

For SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship "GLENCOE," Captain GUTLAND, shortly expected from SINGAPORE, will be despatched as above on or about 5th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879.

For AMOY.

The Steamship "DIAMANTE," Capt. THELAND, shortly due, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879.

For YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "OXFORDSHIRE," Captain JONES, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Oxfordshire*, from London, &c., Mr Flanagan, Master Patten, and 50 Chinese.

Per *Conquest*, from Haiphong and Hoihow, 244 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Thales*, for Saigon, 100 Chinese.

Per *Olaf*, for Sydney, 2 Europeans, 20 Chinese; for Melbourne, Mrs Shaw.

Per *Yoklung*, for Swatow, 28 Chinese.

Per *Zamboanga*, for Bangkok, 1 Cabin, and 19 Chinese.

Per *Fuyew*, for Shanghai, 110 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Siamese ship *Bua Pan* reports: First part light variable winds and fine weather, last 3 days heavy squally from Eastward with much rain.

The British steamer *Conquest* reports: Left Haiphong Aug. 27th, and had light variable winds to port. Vessels in port: barques *Louisa* and *Tekli*. Left Hoihow on the 30th, and experienced shifting winds with heavy squalls of wind and rain with heavy cross sea till arrival.

The British steamer *Oxfordshire* reports: Moderate monsoon with squally weather.

The British steamer *Killarney* reports: Very unsettled weather, heavy S.E. squalls and torrents of rain all the way.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—Per *Charlton*, at noon To-morrow, the 2nd inst., instead of as previously notified.

Per *Olympia*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 8th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—Per *Douglas*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 3rd September.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Peiho* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 2nd September, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burma, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet *Bowen*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 6th September, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 1.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 1.30 p.m. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, August 30, 1879.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Cathay* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 9th September, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burma, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, September 1, 1879.

OPIMUM—New Patna, cash, \$535

Old, cash, 507½

New Benares, cash, 507½

Old, cash, 507½

New Malwa, credit, 740

Allowance Tels., 740

Old Malwa, credit, 750

Allowance Tels., 750

Exchange.

Bank, Wire, 37½

demand, 37½

30 days sight, 37½

4 months sight, 37½

Credits, 4, 37½

Documentary, 4 months sight, 37½

India, Wire, 22½

demand, 22½

Shanghai, demand, 72½

80 days sight, 72½

Gold Leaf, 99½ fine, 27.50

Sovereigns, 5.37

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 58 ½ prem.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,300

China Traders Ins. Co., \$1,400

North China Ins. Co., \$1,250

Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,710

Chinese Insurance Co., \$285

H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$775

China Fire Ins. Co., \$190

H.K. & W. Dock Co., 18 ½ prem.

H.K. & M. S. Boat Co., \$12 prem.

Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$11

China Coast S. Nav. Co., \$11.93

Hongkong Gas Co., \$70

Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65

China Sugar Refining Co., \$153

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal Do. of 1877, do.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, September 1, 1879.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. 29.968

Do. 1 P.M. 29.934

Do. 4 P.M. 29.928

THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 83

Do. 1 P.M. 84

Do. 4 P.M. 83

Do. (Wet bulb) 81

Do. Do. 81

Do. Do. 81

Do. Maximum 84

Do. Minimum over night 79

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Auction.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Mr G. R. Lammett, at his Sales Rooms.

Meetings.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618 S.C.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

The Band will play to-morrow evening from 9 o'clock to 11 in the Public Gardens, weather permitting. The following is the programme:—

March,.....Glasgow.....Borisian.
Overture,.....Zampa.....Herold.
Selection,.....Tone.....Porcella.
Valse,.....Die Grillebanner,.....Strauss.
Grand Fan-tasia,.....Voyage to Hongkong, Werner.
Galop,.....Berlin,.....Michaelis.

L. WERNER, Band Master.

We trust there will be no confusion or disappointment this time. The arrangement at present is to the effect:—if it is fair at 8.30 p.m. the Band will proceed to the Gardens and go through their programme. If the weather is such, during the earlier part of the day, as to allow of the lamps being put up, the Gardens will be illuminated; if the weather is such, early in the day, as to prevent this, then chaste Diana's mild rays will be our only light. We reproduce, by request, the description we previously gave of Herr Werner's artistic production, "The Voyage to Hongkong" which is to be played to-morrow evening for the first time:—

1 Gun Fire. Reveille. Soldier's Dream. Kall-in, Bugle and rush of men to fall in. "Quick March." Bands playing the Regiment to the railway station. First Band playing "The Girl I Left Behind me." Second Band "The Old Folks at Home," the third Band "Home sweet Home." Regiment arrives at the railway station; "Halt." Train ready to start. Steam; Guard's and Engine's whistles heard. Train starts slowly and arrives at place of embarkation. Steam and whistle again heard. Regimental band plays the Regiment to the steamer. "Good bye, sweet-heart." Steamer going down the river. Imitation of Engine. Imitation of Sea-birds. The land fades from sight. "Isle of Beauty, fare thee well." Concert at Sea. Song "Near thee, Near thee." Air with clarinet; flute and cornet variations. "Mazurka," etc. Then, storm at sea. The captain's word of command is heard; the sailors shouting "Hoy Hoy" the boat-swain's whistle; children crying, and alarm-bell. The storm abates; Calm. Thanksgiving. Himalaya Polka. Land sighted. Air, "Cheer boys, cheer." Finale.

ADVICE to hand by the steamer *Conquest* report matters to be quiet at the port of Pakhoi for the present, thanks to the timely arrival of H. M. gun-vessel *Midge*. Her presence appears to excite the native mind to some extent, while the rowdy elements are said to be increasing and preparing to fight. It is alleged, but with what justice we cannot as yet say, that a missionary quarrel is at the bottom of the troubles, in which case the "photographic" incident which was previously mentioned could not have been the sole cause of the excitement. The native officials have assumed their customary role of helplessness, or pretend that the popular feeling is too strong for them. It would not be inappropriate, we think, if the opportunity furnished by this rising should be taken, to obtain a thorough understanding upon affairs generally at Pakhoi. The question of transit-passes and other trivial matters have long been in an unsatisfactory position. Why not clear up the atmosphere generally in that quarter? Such, as we have invariably contended, can always be done by a mere stiffening of the upper lip. Let this now be done. It is not expected that the *Midge* will leave Pakhoi for some weeks at least.

RUMOURS are afloat in Japan to the effect that many choice articles have been presented by his Imperial Majesty, and by officials of various departments of the Government, to Mr. Hennessey. The value of these presents is said to be considerable; "how much," say the *Gazette* "we are afraid to mention." Our contemporary believes the rumours to be baseless, and holds that it is very necessary for the honour of British officials that they should be set at rest by official contradiction. Now, in the Rules and Regulations for Her Majesty's Colonial Service, there is a chapter specially devoted to this matter; the three clauses are clear and distinct on the point:—

1. Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and all other Servants of the Crown in a Colony are prohibited from receiving Presents offered for their personal acceptance by Kings, Chiefs, or other Members of the Native population, in or neighbouring to such Colony.

2. When such Presents cannot be absolutely refused without giving offence, they are to be delivered up to the Government. To this rule there can be no exception, unless with the express sanction of the Secretary of State.

3. When Presents are exchanged between Governors or other Officers acting on behalf of the Colonial Government in ceremonial intercourse with Native Chiefs, Rulers, or others, the Presents received must be credited to the Government, and such return Presents, as may be sanctioned by the Secretary of State, will be given at the Government expense.

These rules would prevent Mr. Hennessey receiving for himself, unless with the special consent of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the suit of Japanese armour and the magnificent sword which were said to have been presented to him when he took his leave of the Mikado and Empress the other day. But even were there no rule on the subject, any one with much less perception than Mr. Hennessey is blessed with would still have the sense to see that, taking into consideration the whole circumstances surrounding his visit to

Japan, it would be monstrously bad form to accept presents from the Emperor or any of his officers; and the greater the intrinsic value of the presents the greater the heinousness of the offence. We do trust these rumours, which are dangerous and distressing to a degree, will be promptly denied by Mr. Hennessey. Any allegation of such a grave official scandal as this would be just the very thing to attract the attention of Parliamentary men at Home; and if there is no truth in these statements whatever, it would be well not to be responsible for the long-suffering House troubling its already over-troubled head about the matter. The *Gazette* adds:

As it is strictly prohibited to any officer in the diplomatic and colonial services to accept any decoration or gift of any description from the hand of any foreign sovereign without her Majesty's consent being first obtained, we feel sure Mr. Hennessey, looking to the official character some members of the Japanese Government have chosen to invest his visit with, would certainly decline the honour intended to be done him, and for this reason we think the rumours are without foundation. If it were otherwise the reputation of the British Civil Service would be tarnished, for Mr. Hennessey while here has not taken any trouble to convince those Japanese officials who have made use of him for their own ends, that he is merely a private gentleman, without any influence whatever outside of his Colonial Government, and absolutely powerless to sway, in any degree, the position taken up by the British Minister. On the contrary, Mr. Hennessey has made use of his official position to add force to his words of advice to the Japanese public upon trade, friendships, &c., &c. To hear it said that the Governor of an English crown colony had, in addition to a reputation of a very costly nature accorded to him by the Imperial Government, accepted presents of high money value, is truly distressing.

The following is the full form of the telegram about the reinstating of Capt. Carey, as it was received at Singapore:—

London, Aug. 22.—The *Times*, in a leading article, announces that the proceedings against Lieutenant Carey have been quashed and that he will retain his rank.

Sir Garnet Wolesey arrived at Rorke's Drift on 3rd instant.

Cetywayo has established a kraal north of the Black and Umvolosi rivers with a small following.

The following paragraph is from the Straits Times to hand to-day:—

Rumour has it that Mr. Pope Hennessey will shortly receive the honor of Knighthood. Mr. Pope Hennessey, when asked whether he would care for "the bauble," previous to his departure for Hongkong, declined the proffered gift. The reason is obvious; Mr. Hennessey aspires to further parliamentary honours and is keenly alive to the hope that he will, at some future date, represent Cork County in the Imperial Parliament and Cork people, in their radical tendencies, have a particular horror of returning as a popular member a recreant who may have accepted honours at the hands of his Queen. As member for King's County in the House of Commons some fourteen years ago Mr. Hennessey was a great success, and anon, with the experience which he has gained as Governor of several Colonies he will be looked upon as a respected authority on Colonial matters and his abilities will always command attention in that "Assembly of gentlemen."

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HONGKONG HUMANE SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Sir,—I read Mr. P. H. Emanuel's letter and entirely agree with it. I do not work for public praise. I merely wish to do all I can for the public benefit in the hour of need, and I am sure that every member of the Humane Society works with the same object and are all equally deserving of praise, as all members of voluntary societies are.

A. WOHLTERS, Foreman, Humane Society.

[While admiring Mr. Wohlter's modesty, we fail to see how the correspondence affects our remarks of Friday. The question was simply one of efficiency, not of willingness to be of service.—Ed. C. M.]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report of the directors to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices, Club Chambers, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant at 3 p.m.:—

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED. GENTLEMEN,—The directors have much pleasure in laying before you their report with a Statement of Accounts for the half year ending 30th June last.

The Gross Earnings for the six months amount to \$263,928.66, on which there is a profit of \$67,415.88 to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account..... 2,651.15

making available..... \$70,067.03

of which the directors would commend the following distribution, viz:—

A dividend for the half year of four per cent..... \$40,000.00

Bonus to contributing shareholders..... 6,000.00

Directors' fees..... 2,500.00

Auditors' fees..... 250.00

48,750.00

Leaving a balance of..... \$21,317.03

Out of this sum the directors propose to place \$15,000 to Reserve Fund, and to carry forward the balance \$6,317.03 to new account.

The establishments of the company have been fully employed during the six months under review, and although the gross earnings are less, on account of the low tariff now charged for docking and repairing vessels, yet the number of ships docked, and the actual amount of work done, are considerably in excess of any previous half year. By the improved machinery lately introduced at Kowloon and the efficient manner in which the works are now conducted, an important saving in time and labour has been effected, giving not only greater satisfaction to the public, but largely increasing the net return of profit to the company.

W. KESWICK, Chairman.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. O'Leary, Esq.)

Monday, September 1.

A MOST REMARKABLE CASE.

Woh A Moi charged her paramour Tsol A Tim with stealing one pair of earrings on the 31st instant.

The complainant stated that defendant is her paramour and has lived with her for four years; her real husband went to Annam about one year ago. The defendant took up the earrings yesterday and said he was going to pawn them so as to buy opium. She objected to his doing so, when he took up her child, which is by her real husband, and carried him off, saying he was going to sell him. The defendant has already sold a female child which she had by him but did so with her consent. When he left the house she ran after him and called out:—"Kidnapper." She went to the Station with the constable and heard defendant admit that the pawn-tickets found on him related to property he had stolen from her.

P. C. 691 saw the defendant on the Praya Central yesterday, carrying a child in his arms and walking very fast towards the west. He asked him where he was going. Defendant said:—"The child is mine, and I am taking it to Yow-mah-tee." The complainant came up and claimed the child, so he took them all to the Station.

Defendant stated that he lived at Yow-mah-tee with complainant, who is his wife; they have been married more than ten years. He went home for a few days last month, leaving complainant in charge of his shop; on his return he found the shop closed and all his property removed. He made enquiries and found his wife was located in Taipingshan; he went there and asked her to go back with him; she refused. He searched the room and found the earrings and child, which both belong to him; and he was taking them away when he was arrested. His certificate of marriage is in possession of complainant's mother.

Complainant was re-called and said:—I was living with my husband for three months last year in the Praya; but I do not remember the number of the house. Before that, I lived for six or seven months at Praya West. I have lived four years in Yow-mah-tee and during that time have not left the village. The child in court is five months old. I was married to my husband thirteen years ago in Man Tau; we came to Yow-mah-tee about six years ago; after we had been here a few months my husband went away to Annam and did not return till last year and he went away again last February, after living with me one year. My daughter was two years old and my husband scolded me for getting her while he was absent. Before my husband returned from Annam the defendant went away and came back again after my husband had left.

The case was remanded till Thursday, to admit of enquiries being made in Yow-mah-tee.

A SWINDLER CHECKMATED.

Li An, was charged with attempting to pawn a brass ring, marked "pure gold," knowing the same to be spurious. The account of the pawn-broker's shop told prisoner when he asked to have five taels lent on the ring, that it was brass, and that he would not return the ring to prisoner, unless he went to the Police Station with him. When they went to the Police Station prisoner said that he had bought the ring from a man in the street and had paid \$10 for it, \$3 of his own money and \$7 that his master had given him to buy coal with.

The case was remanded till this morning to allow of prisoner's master being called.

Li Tai, a master quarrier, stated that prisoner was in his employ, and went away on sick leave on the 14th of last month; he never gave the prisoner \$7 to buy coal.

Prisoner said that his master's statement was false and he wished to have last witness's cook, Wo Ki Yan, called to give evidence. He was called and corroborated his master's statement. Prisoner said:—This witness is not speaking the truth.

His Worship sent accused to gaol for three months with hard labour.

BONFIRE ON THE STREET.

Wong Hung Chung, a shopkeeper in Second Street, was summoned to appear at the Police Court on Saturday last for making a bonfire in the public street on the 27th ultimo. Defendant failed to appear in answer to the summons, and a warrant was ordered to be issued for his arrest. He appeared this morning, admitted the charge, and gave as his reason for not answering to the summons, that he was busy at the time, so did not come.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5,—\$2 for not answering to the summons and \$1 for making the bonfire; in default of payment, three days' imprisonment.

NEW GAMBLING DODGE.

Wong Achu was charged (1) with gambling and causing an obstruction in the Western Market, (2) with using threatening language towards the constable on the way to the Police Station.

P. C. 149 stated that he saw the defendant, with others not in custody, gambling with dominoes in the Western Market, on a hawk's stall. He ordered them to move off, and as they would not do so, he arrested the defendant and took possession of the dominoes and a ten-cent piece. On the way to the station, defendant told the constable that if he gave evidence against him he would kill him.

Defendant denied the charge, and said the constable snatched the ten-cent piece from the stall, and then accused him of gambling. Defendant is a fishmonger, but has no license to sell in the market. His Worship imposed a fine of \$3 for causing the obstruction, in default of payment ten days with hard labor, and to enter into his personal recognizance in \$20 to be of good behaviour for twelve months for using threatening language towards the constable.

TEN PER CENT INTEREST.

Lin Achin and Li Apai, the former an old woman of 60, the latter a widow of 35, were having a difference in Third

Street, and creating a great disturbance. P. C. 139 came on the scene, when the second defendant accused the first defendant of having cheated her out of over \$1. The first prisoner denied this, and as they kept on making a noise, the constable took them both to the Police Station.

The first defendant said she borrowed \$1 from the second defendant some time ago; the lender wished to have ten cents interest paid on the loan, which the borrower refused to pay.

The second defendant stated that her companion in trouble pledged a young girl with her for \$1 and 10 cents some ten days ago; the girl was taken away by the first defendant's paramour; she wanted to get the sum back; when she asked for it, she got a beating.

His Worship fined them both fifty cents each, in default of payment two days' imprisonment.

A "JEREMY DIDDLE."

Wong A Yau charged (1) with being a rogue and vagabond, and (2) with obtaining goods under false pretences, remanded from the 18th ultimo, was brought up to-day.

Since the case was remanded, notices in Chinese have been posted round the Colony to try and obtain further evidence against the prisoner; but nothing further has been found out, and no new arrests made.

Defendant stated, a few days before he was arrested, that he sold a gold ring for \$10, to a cook named Cheng Awing, on credit; when next he saw him he asked for payment, and was given in charge.

His Worship sentenced the prisoner to six months' imprisonment with hard labor, the first and last fourteen days in solitary confinement, and to be publicly exposed in the stocks for six hours on the day previous to his release from prison.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Finlay.)

A SERIOUS CHARGE UNSUPPORTED. Joseph Henry, an unemployed seaman, was charged with being concerned in stealing from the person of John Lessellier, a silver watch, jet chain, a pipe and plug of tobacco and forty-five cents in money.

P. S. Toomey stated: I arrested the prisoner in East Street yesterday morning at the instance of John Lessellier, who has left this in the *Floral Star* bound for Tournon. Lessellier was very drunk when he made the charge; from enquiries I have made I have reason for believing that the defendant had nothing to do with the robbery. I therefore ask for his discharge.

Defendant, who is a seafaring man staying in the Sailors' Home, was discharged.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Yeung A-ying, farmer, and Lam Sam Kiu, his wife, were charged with being concerned in a highway robbery on the Stanley Road on the 30th ultimo.

Inspector Rivers, from a statement made to him about a robbery that had taken place, sent out the police to make enquiries; the two prisoners were arrested in consequence. After receiving due caution, the prisoners made the following statements:—

Yeung A-ying: I am a farmer at Wong-nei-cheong. The complainant, Lai Yuk-lin, came to me and told me he had been robbed and asked me for the loan of a pair of trousers. From what he said I called out more than ten men and searched the hills for the robbers.

Lam Sam-kiu, wife of the farmer, stated that she knew nothing of the robbery; she saw the complainant naked and with blood on his face, and heard him ask her husband for the trousers.

Ng Acheung, a girl of 12, was collecting vegetable refuse in a garden at Wong-nei-cheong and saw a man coming down the road from Stanley. She recognised him as a son of her aunt's, named Lai Yuk-lin. As the man was crossing the bridge five or six men ran up from the defendant's garden and chased him. When they overtook him they tore his jacket and trousers off him, and as he resisted violently, one of the robbers took up a stone and struck him on the head with it. A woman who was in a garden close by called out "thieves, police." The defendants were at that time standing in the garden looking on, but did not offer any assistance; some other gardeners came running up to where the man was attacked, the robbers then ran away. After the man who had been assaulted went away in the direction of Wong-nei-cheong, she heard the second defendant call out to four of the robbers, who were sitting on the hill-side, to come down, as the men had gone away. Two of the robbers came down and went into defendant's hut; the defendants stayed in the garden. Witness went home and told her father what she had seen. The Police came soon afterwards and took her, with her father, to the Police Station. Some of the robbers wore blue jackets and black trousers, the others wore brown jackets and blue trousers. Witness said she did not think she could recognise the robbers if she were to see them again.

Lai Yuk-lin, stated that he had been released from Hospital to-day; his lip had been stitched up, he was in great pain and did not feel able to give his evidence to-day.

Inspector Rivers asked that the case might be remanded till the 5th instant, as he had no more evidence at present.

Remanded till the 5th inst.

MR HENNESSY'S SPEECH AT HAKODATE.

The following is the text of the address recently delivered by Mr. Hennessey at Hakodate. It is copied from the *Japan Daily Mail*:—

Gentlemen,—In thanking you for your address and for the very kind way in which you have been good enough to receive me, I am not so presumptuous as to imagine that I have either official or personal claims to such flattering notice. I know full well that your generous attentions are much more due to the fact that I have the good fortune to be travelling through Japan with your hard working and popular Minister of Finance, H. E. Mr. Okuma.

Though it is only as a private citizen I meet you, for I am on leave of absence from my Government and have no official business of any kind here, yet I cannot divest myself of all interest in the welfare of Hongkong and especially in its commercial transactions with Japan. Hongkong, as you are aware, produces almost nothing and consumes comparatively speaking, very little. About a month ago I mentioned to the Tokio Chamber of Commerce that Hongkong was the largest of all the ports in the British Empire abroad, and I quoted the figures given by my predecessor Sir Richard MacDonnell that the annual value of that port's trade is about \$800,000,000. The whole annual trade of Japan with

China is but \$10,452,000, and you now tell me that this island of Yesso contributes but \$600,000 worth of goods to that trade. From all the sources of information so generously placed at my disposal and from my personal enquiries and observations, I have no hesitation in saying that, before many years are past, the trade of Japan with China ought to be nearer to fifty millions than to ten millions of dollars, and your own contribution from Yesso six millions instead of \$600,000. Long since indeed, Sir Rutherford Alcock—one of the most sagacious and experienced authorities on China and Japan—foretold the growth of this trade. His anticipations are coming to pass; and let me impress upon you like-wise that the benefits Japan will derive from British trade, whether through Hongkong or direct with England, cannot be overestimated. The closer your commercial relations with England and her colonies, the better for you and the better also for British manufacturers and British consumers.

The highly efficient representative of the British Government in this island, Mr. Consul Eusden, told me this morning that the population of Yesso has increased five-fold since he first knew this place in 1861. In Mr. Eusden's Consular Report presented to Parliament last year (1878), he says: "Native trade is developing itself more and more, and property, more especially in land, is increasing in value every year." Now what are the chief articles you send to Hongkong and China? They are staples of trade given to you by Nature; I will not use the conventional phrase and say they are inexhaustible, but it is the truth to say that owing to your favourable climate and other advantages they appear to be more abundant here in proportion to your area and cost less than in any other quarter of the globe. Some of them are articles that are produced one may almost say without capital and by labour alone; you have not to sow seed, or to manure them, or to pay much rent for the watery farms on which they grow. They are washed by the waves to your feet or gathered from the rocks. I have been examining them in the museums of the Kaitakushi both here and at Tokio, and it seemed as if I recognised familiar friends, for in the busiest streets of Hongkong similar products are to be seen in bales and bundles with Japanese trade marks upon them. Your seaweeds have a high reputation in China for their succulence and nourishing qualities. From the statistical tables placed at my disposal by the government I find that in the year ending 30th June, 1878, the quantity of Japanese seaweeds received in China through Hongkong and otherwise, amounted to 20,565,479 catties, valued at \$456,366. Looking to the way that this article of food is produced and put upon the Chinese market and to the extraordinary demand for it in that Empire of 400,000,000 of food consumers, it is not too much to say that its production and sale will be in almost direct proportion to the labour you can give to it. Increase that labour five-fold and the consumption of Japanese seaweeds in China will probably be increased five-fold. The night before last, I experienced a new and not unpleasant sensation in eating some of your well-cooked seaweeds and I am not surprised at the estimation in which the Chinese, a nation of cooks and gourmets, hold them. I also then tasted your Trepan or Etche-de-Mer, of which you send about \$150,000 worth to China every year. Of other sea products the Chinese receive from you annually \$198,000 worth of dried Abachi, \$424,000 worth of dried cuttlefish, \$62,000 worth of dried shell-fish and shrimps, \$41,000 worth of dried herrings and other fish, and \$33,000 worth of sharks' fins. The supply of herrings along the coast of this island is so abundant that by far the greater part of it has to be utilized as manure. Rapidly as your population in Yesso is increasing you have not hands enough to save, for food, one thousandth part of the shoals of herrings that come to such seas as Otari.

And yet your Chinese neighbours, and even our little community in Hongkong have to import herrings and other fish from remote parts of the globe. Millions upon millions of herrings are so badly as they lie rotting along the shores of Yesso are certainly not wasted when you convert them into fish manure and when fleets of junks can be seen, as I have seen them, conveying that manure down to Kobe and Nagasaki but how much better it would be if you could preserve your marvellous harvest of herrings as direct articles of food, instead of utilizing them as indirect producers of cereals and other crops.

You have asked for my advice; but to develop such solid wealth resources as you undoubtedly possess, you need no advice from me or any other well-meaning stranger as long as you enjoy so thoroughly well-informed and sensible a Government and avail yourselves of the numerous advantages it bestows upon you.

In this island the Emperor's Government encourages immigration by a wise system of land tenures and low taxes. It promotes intelligence by a system of popular education unsurpassed in its essential points by any country in the world, except perhaps the United States; a system of education that is doing immense good and will continue to do so as long as you do not allow it to supplant your own ancient but excellent methods and maxims of domestic and school discipline by which veneration for age, respect for authority and love of parents, is inculcated upon children, who are also taught to be gentle, by gentle treatment and courteous examples. The Emperor's Government has established throughout this country an administration of justice which I have seen in operation in Sendai and other places far from the Treaty Ports, and which would be indeed a boon to some European nations; and I cannot avoid making a similar comparison when I see such a model prison as I inspected at Sendai, and observe here in Hakodate, how admirably in every respect, as Mr. Consul Eusden testifies, the criminals are dealt with. His Excellency General Kuroda and the indefatigable officers of the Kaitakushi are rearing up in Yesso a rising generation of keen and industrious wealth-producers. Every practical discovery of modern science is utilized here by General Kuroda and his staff. As long as you maintain your loyalty and industry you need no advice. But I can venture to give you my hearty sympathy and to promise that I shall do all in my power to facilitate your growing trade with Hongkong and China. I also presume to give you my sincere congratulations on the many advantages you possess. You are fortunate in having such a national fleet of merchant steamers as those of the *Mikasa* and *Shikishima*, which, I am glad to learn

from you, will in future do business with Hongkong. It is not many weeks since the Yokohama Chamber of foreign merchants bore testimony to the admirable way in which that Japan's Company carries both goods and passengers. Speaking now in the latitude of Italy, and north of the latitude of New York, in what may be called a European climate of the finest kind, you need hardly be congratulated on your rich fields of wheat, oats and barley, on your mealy potatoes, as well flavoured as those of the south of Ireland produce, or on your cows, oxen, and hardy breed of horses. All these are naturally to be expected in such a climate. But Japan has also produced what is far more valuable than cereals and beef of European quality,—a race of sterling men. You have present here to-day, a typical statesman of young Japan. I have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Okuma is not surpassed by any Finance Minister in the world in those various points that constitute a successful Finance Minister,—in ability, in conscientiousness, in intimate knowledge of his country, its resources, the habits, traditions and wants of the people, and the mode of taxation best suited to them, and to the free development of their industries.

And what a wonderful labour he has accomplished. Mr. Gladstone's brilliant finance, Sir Stafford Northcote's success as Chancellor of the Exchequer, appear common-places contrasted with what Mr. Okuma has had to do.

In the Finance Department at Tokio, I have seen his army of well-disciplined clerks, working at their journals, cash, books and ledgers, on the English system, according to regulations as exact as those that prevail in Downing street; and in remote towns like Sendai I have seen Mr. Okuma's instructions faithfully carried out in all their details with respect both to the local and the Imperial expenditure and collection of revenue. It was as if in England, a sudden spring had been made from the confused taxation and expenditure at the time of the Norman conquest, to the days of Mr. Gladstone.

Let me congratulate you also on the presence at this moment in Japan of an honoured guest of your Government,—General Grant. I congratulate you, not because he is the greatest soldier of our times and one of the most eminent of living statesmen, but, speaking simply to you as a private citizen, I heartily congratulate you on the presence of words he uttered at Nagasaki,—words that announced policy that cannot fail to make Japan one of the most flourishing Empires in the world.

GOVERNOR HENNESSY AND SIR HARRY PARKES.

The *Fuso Shinshi*, Japanese newspaper, has the following account, with all pretensions to authenticity, of an interview between Sir H. S. Parkes, H. M. Minister, and Mr. Hennessey:—

We have been informed that Mr. Hennessey, Governor of Hongkong, recently visited Sir Harry S. Parkes. In the course of conversation the Governor took an opportunity to criticise the British Minister's conduct towards the Imperial Government, pointing out to him that he has frequently exceeded the powers conferred upon him by his own Government, lowered his personal dignity and weakened the influence which properly attaches to his office. Sir Harry Parkes replied that he was compelled to act in this manner in order to preserve the honour, and promote the interests of England, whereupon Mr. Hennessey unhesitatingly declared that a minister who transgresses the limits of his authority prejudices the honour and prosperity of the country he represents and inflicts direct injury upon her interests, and concluded by warning Sir Harry Parkes to be more circumspect in his future action. Mr. Hennessey is right.

Although this is a mere rumour it is evidently founded upon truth, for it is accepted as correct by Japanese of the highest rank. When Mr. Hennessey addressed the Tokio Chamber of Commerce he made his object clear to the effect that the interests of the Japanese people were to be considered before those of his own countrymen; and from his general conduct we are satisfied that Mr. Hennessey did not do this merely to obtain a reputation for himself. In marked contrast to this is the conduct of Sir Harry Parkes with regard to Japan. It seems to us that he does not know the difference between right and wrong. He seizes the slightest opportunity to benefit his country and people by inflicting injuries upon us, therefore a feeling hostile to British subjects has grown up among Japanese who occasionally go so far as to threaten the interruption of friendly relations with England. The British, blinded by avarice, pay no attention to any proposals we may make; they seem to consider their covetous policy redounds to the honour of their nation. If the British Minister should continue to follow his present line of conduct, and reject all our proposals for treaty revision, we must then declare to the world that we will no longer trade with England.

Before laying down our pen we advise the British Minister to consider the sentiments of Mr. Hennessey, and to pay due regard to the interests of others as well as those of his own people if he is desirous of fostering commercial relations between the countries.

Commenting on the above article the *Gazette* says:—

We do not doubt the acceptance of the absurd and fictitious narrative by many Japanese as a true recital. Perhaps, indeed, the editor of the *Fuso Shinshi* thinks with sincerity there may be foundation for the rumour he repeats with so much circumstantiality. If so, it is but another proof of the utter incapacity of the Japanese editors, who should by this time know the rudimentary facts about the relations between Western officials—to write aught else than sheer nonsense about England, its history its conventions.

It is quite certain that Mr. Hennessey though the most indiscreet of officials, never addressed himself to H. M. Minister upon the subject of British policy in Japan; no is it likely that Sir Harry S. Parkes, who has now some fifteen years of experience and most intimate acquaintance with the Empire, ever invited the opinions of a man known to our fellow-countrymen in Hongkong to be a mere superficial observer whose dicta are never so worthless as when backed up by a sham show of fallacious statistics. And that Mr. Hennessey should have ventured to intrude his remonstrance about matters he does not understand, and with which he has not even indirect concern is an improbability so great that we are sure the reported incident never occurred.

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Elizabeth Childs	5 k	Landbergh	Brit. bqe.	391	Aug. 30	Wieler & Co.		
Excelsior	8 c	Eddy	Amer. bqe.	593	Aug. 24	Russell & Co.		
Flensburg	4 k	Jacobsen	Dan. bqe.	365	Aug. 29	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Fred. P. Lithfield	4 k	Spalding	Amer. bqe.	1083	July 11	Russell & Co.		
Friedrich Perthes	4 k	Walter	Ger. bqe.	446	Aug. 24	Siemssen & Co.		
Gylding	3 k	Winther	Dan. bqe.	240	Aug. 5	Siemssen & Co.		
Harmonie	4 k	Schiphorst	Ger. sch.	241	Aug. 30	Captain		
Hermann	4 k	Schmidt	Ger. bqe.	444	Aug. 7	Wieler & Co.		
Highlander	4 k	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 18	Vogel & Co.		
Hongkong	4 k	Uom	Ger. 3m. sc.	219	Aug. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
John A. Borland	4 c	Kent	Amer. bqe.	670	July 26	Vogel & Co.		
Jane	2 c	Chabot	Fch. bqe.	282	Aug. 20	Carlowitz & Co.		
Jessie McDonald	7 c	Stott	Brit. 3m. sc.	275	Aug. 24	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
John Potts	7 c	MacPherson	Brit. bqe.	374	Aug. 26	Butterfield & Swire		
Jules Dufaure	4 k	Willgen	Brit. bqe.	434	Aug. 20	Tan Kong Ho		
Kalaja	4 c	Ross	Russ. bqe.	630	Aug. 18	Vogel & Co.		
Krung Thep	2 k	Dutrruss	Siam. bqe.	488	Aug. 31	Siemssen & Co.		
Kvik	5 k	Larson	Norw. bqe.	417	Aug. 24	Siemssen & Co.		
Madcap	4 k	Miller	Brit. 3m. sc.	199	Aug. 27	Turner & Co.		
Monte Rosa	7 c	Carter	Amer. sh.	1313	June 15	Vogel & Co.		
Prosperity	2 c	Hoff	Siam. bqe.	476	Aug. 12	Chinese		
Queen of India	4 c	Cary	Brit. bqe.	390	Aug. 18	Wieler & Co.		
Kiffeman	3 k	Brit. bqe.	740	June 19	Order		
Li Lancelot	7 c	Berkenshar	Brit. bqe.	886	Aug. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Sourabaya Packet	8 k	Verduin	Dutch bqe.	462	Aug. 29	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Spartan	3 k	Vincent	Amer. sh.	81	Aug. 27	W. H. Ray		
Spirit	8 c	Hollmann	Ger. bqe.	915	Aug. 29	Melchers & Co.		
Star of China	7 c	Blaker	Brit. sh.	794	Aug. 28	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Samatra	3 k	Olough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.		
Toowoomba	7 c	Kirkpatrick	Brit. bqe.	585	Aug. 25	Borneo Co., Limited		
Tridon	4 k	Kallson	Ger. bqe.	558	Aug. 21	Wieler & Co.		
Vesta	3 k	Ruige	Dutch bqe.	417	Aug. 26	Siemssen & Co.		
Vigilant	4 c	Ross	Amer. sh.	1800	June 11	Russell & Co.		
Werra	4 c	Dinkelberg	Ger. bqe.	932	Aug. 31	Melchers & Co.		
WEAMPOA								
Faugh Balough	Rüte	Ger. bqe.	240	Aug. 31	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
Florence Nightingale	McIntyre	Brit. bqe.	464	Aug. 30	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Newchwang	
CANTON								
Amoy	Drewes	Brit. str.	814	Aug. 31	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	